



PATENT
600-1-287N

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Wolfgang Liedtke et al.
SERIAL NO. : 10/027,828 EXAMINER : Ruixiang Li
FILED : October 25, 2001 ART UNIT : 1646
FOR : VR-OAC, an Osmotically Activated Channel Protein, Nucleic Acids
Encoding It, and Uses Thereof

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION AND
NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 7, 2003 and to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, please consider the following remarks. The response is due on January 7, 2004, by virtue of the attached petition for a one (1) month extension of time to respond. Should the petition or fee be inadvertently omitted, Applicants renew the petition herein by reference and request that the fee be charged to deposit Account No. 11-1153.

REMARKS

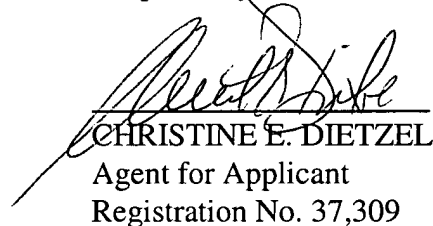
Claims 1-16 are pending in the Application as previously amended and presented.
Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), Applicants provide

herewith and resubmit the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment, specifically the entire Amendments to the Claims section of Applicant's earlier amendment document, including the Complete Listing of Claims in Application U.S.S.N 10/027,828.

No additional fees are believed to be further necessitated by the foregoing response. However, should this be erroneous, authorization is hereby give to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1153 for any underpayment, or credit any overages.

Applicants request entry of the above in the file of the instant Application and acceptance of the Amendment and courteously solicit an early action on the merits of the Claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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